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Dear Neighbor:

The Examiner takes pleasure in handing you herewith, for your files, an exact copy of the Boulder Dam Act as passed by the House of Representatives.

For your convenience you will find overleaf a digest of the act, section by section.

Although the corresponding bill was held up by filibuster in the Senate, the senior Senator from California secured preferred position for it in the fall session of Congress, so Californians may look forward with assurance of an early settlement of the Colorado River problem and water storage legislation so vital to the future of this region.

Improving business indices are already being noted as a result of the progress of this measure's success in one branch of Congress and its manifest support by a majority of the Senate.

Students of this great subject can thus see why Los Angeles faces the busiest and most prosperous fall and winter in the city's history.

Fraternally yours,

LOS ANGELES EXAMINER,

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# DIGEST OF THE BOULDER DAM ACT

*As Passed by the House of Representatives*

May, 1928.

*Sec. 1.* Purpose of act is to control floods, improve navigation and regulate the flow of the Lower Colorado River, reclaim land and generate power, the project to be made financially feasible. Secretary of Interior is authorized to construct, operate and maintain a dam and incidental works at Black or Boulder Canyon, forming a reservoir of not less than 20,000,000 acre-feet, and an All-American Canal.

Secretary is directed to appoint board of five eminent engineers and geologists to examine proposed site of dam and review plans and estimates, the work of construction not to commence until plans are approved by board.

No authority to be exercised by Secretary without President's approval.

*Sec. 2.* (a) Colorado River Dam fund established to carry out provisions of act.

(b) Cost not to exceed \$125,000,000.

(c) Fund to be used only for construction and interest payments.

(d) and (e) Provide details of accounting.

*Sec. 3.* Appropriates \$125,000,000 for project.

*Sec. 4.* (a) Provides California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming must approve Colorado River Compact before work is begun; waives seven-state compact.

(b) Before money is appropriated or work done, Secretary of Interior shall finance project by water and power contracts. If he receives more than required, out of the excess Arizona and Nevada shall each be paid 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

*Sec. 5.* Secretary is authorized to contract for storage and delivery of water for irrigation and domestic use and to deliver at switchboard to municipal corporations, political subdivisions and private corporations electrical energy at charges that will repay cost and cover all operating expenses, no one to get water except by contract.

(a) and (b) No contract for electricity longer than 50 years, when plants may be acquired by Government at reasonable valuations.

(c) Preferences in allowing power contracts given to a state or legal subdivision, with Arizona, California and Nevada having equal opportunities.

(d) Agency taking 100,000 horse-power or more may be required to permit

use of transmission lines by agency taking less than 25,000 horsepower.

(e) Electric rates to consumers must be fair, as determined by Federal Power Commission.

*Sec. 6.* Dam and reservoir shall be used, first, for river regulation; second, irrigation and domestic water; third, power. Title and dam forever in the United States.

Secretary may lease units of power plant to provide most economical utilization. Valuation of properties for rate-fixing and other purposes to be by Government, which also shall prescribe rules concerning maintenance of works, service, etc.

*Sec. 7.* After canal and appurtenant works have been paid for, Secretary may transfer title to districts or agencies having beneficial interest in them. They may utilize power possibilities.

*Sec. 8.* (a) All appropriations of water to be in conformity with laws of states approving six-state compact; (b) compact shall also control permittees in the matter of construction, management and operation of reservoir and canals.

(c) United States in constructing and operating dam, reservoir, canals and other works shall be controlled by any compact existing between Arizona, California and Nevada.

*Sec. 9.* Prior right to enter on Government land given to ex-service men and women.

*Sec. 10.* Nothing in the act shall affect the contract between United States and Imperial Irrigation District.

*Sec. 11.* Defines "political subdivision," "reclamation law" and "maintenance."

*Sec. 12.* (a) Colorado River Compact approved by Congress with seven-state provision waived, making possible six-state ratification.

(b) and (c) Compact controls Government's right in water and all proceedings relating to water.

(d) Water and other rights conferred by Act run with the land.

*Sec. 13.* Act is made a supplement to Reclamation Law.

*Sec. 14.* Secretary of Interior directed to investigate feasibility of irrigation and power projects in the Colorado River basin states so that comprehensive scheme of headwater control may be worked out; \$250,000 appropriated for expenses.

*Sec. 15.* Secretary shall make annual report on project to Congress.

*Sec. 16.* Act does not concern itself with Mexican water rights, if any.

*Sec. 17.* Title is "Boulder Canyon Project Act."